



Westhoughton Community Network

Meeting: 7:00pm Tuesday, 15th November at WACO (Communiversy)

Minutes

1. Present

Groups in attendance (15)

1. Daisy Hill in Bloom (DHiB)
2. Enterprise Action Unity (EAU)
3. Friends of Eatock Lodge (FoEL)
4. Hindley's and Clough Farm Residents Association (HACFRA)
5. Howfenfest (HF)
6. Kenza (KEN)
7. Rotary Club of Westhoughton (RCW)
8. Parish of St. Bartholomew's, St. Thomas & St. George LEP (SBTG)
9. Save Westhoughton Act Now (SWAN)
10. Westhoughton Active Communities Organisation (WACO)
11. Westhoughton Art Group (WAG)
12. Westhoughton Carnival Queens Association (WCQA)
13. Westhoughton Local History Group (WLHG)
14. Westhoughton Royal British Legion (WRBL)
15. Wingates Band (WB)
- ~ Bolton at Home (BaH) [Admin]

Individuals in attendance (24)

Derek Bullock (DHiB)	Harold Daniels (RCW)	Pam Clarke (WLHG)
Janet Colley (EAU)	James Wilson (SBTG)	Ted Wisedale (WLHG)
Ann Benn (FoEL)	Andrew Glitheroe (SWAN)	Yvonne Woolley (WLHG)
Trevor Benn (FoEL)	Bob Hamer (WACO)	Yvonne White (WRBL)
Brenda Shott (FoEL)	Dave Hendry (WAG)	Les Sadler (WRBL)
Mike Wood (HACFRA)	Sandra Greenall (WCQA)	David Kaye (WB)
Donna Bull (KEN)	Jean Watkinson (WCQA)	Chris Buckley
Sam Swift (KEN)	Val Chadwick (WLHG/HF)	Lisa Bradley (BaH)

Apologies (12)

HACFRA - Doug Cunliffe
Hope Church - Mark Taylor
Peter Sloan
Westhoughton High School - Ann Butler
Westhoughton United Reformed Church - Margaret Curme
Bolton at Home - Anne Burns
Tony Riley - Daisy Hill Football Club



2. Welcome and Introductions

Acting Chair, Harold Daniels opened the meeting and welcomed new members.

3. Terms of Reference Outstanding Issues

The group agreed that on occasions when there was no clear consensus of opinion that the group would be able to make decisions by putting them to the vote. Ted Wisedale proposed and Andrew Glithero seconded a proposal that there be one vote per group in attendance at the meeting. This was put to the vote and passed (12 for 0 against).

There was a wide discussion on the attendance of local residents and local elected members (who were not otherwise representing a group). There was a proposal by Ted Wisedale that Westhoughton residents would be welcome to attend and participate in meetings but would not be able to vote. This was seconded by Bob Hamer and put to the vote and passed (12 for, 1 against). It was felt that there was no need for a further proposal as the attendance of elected members at meetings had been addressed within this proposal.

It was agreed that the group would deal with any future issues with membership and attendance as they arise.

4. National Volunteers Week Event

National Volunteers Week takes place 1-7 June 2012. Sub-committee will look at a 'Freshers Fair' style event. Subcommittee consisting of:

Derek Bullock
Yvonne White
Chris Buckley
Lisa Bradley
Harold Daniels
Pam Clarke
James Wilson
Kevan Prescott

Lisa to convene meeting in the New Year.

5. 2012 Calendar

Chris Buckley agreed to manage this as part of the website development. Bob Hamer offered help and support. There was some discussion around www.yourbolton.info.

6. Website Update

Chris agreed to revisit and chase up responses for the audit of groups and to update the website.



7. Information Sharing

- EAU / WACO suggested people visit www.ourwaco.com and reported that the Communiversity is thriving. Christmas Extravaganza to take place on Sunday 11th December 2011.
- HACFRA working towards Washacre FM 2012.
- Friends of Eatock Lodge are looking at applying for funds in collaboration with partners and asked if other groups might be interested in joining forces.
- Daisy Hill In Bloom have been busy with litter picks and planting events as well as their annual 'Best Kept Front Garden' competition.
- Westhoughton Art Group are exploring the possibility of an exhibition at Westhoughton Library.
- KENSA are running 'Cooking on a Budget' session on Fridays at Sacred Hart school and they are looking to expand and explore further funding opportunities. Lisa to support.
- St Bartholomew's Church will celebrate the Christmas Light SwitchOn on Friday 2nd December. On 21st December, they will be hosting the Pretoria Pit Service. They will also hold a number of Christmas Concerts from local schools. James Wilson asked for volunteers and helpers who might be interested in supporting the Mercury Christmas Lunch; and promoted their monthly Parish Church Magazine.
- Westhoughton Royal British Legion reported on a number of functions and events throughout the year. Details of future events to be on website.
- Westhoughton Local History Group updated the meeting on the Bicentenary of Luddites event on 21st April 2012. They are interested in holding an exhibition and a bonfire style event and were looking for ideas and support on how to organise such an event and also ideas on how they might 'burn a mill'. They also promoted the new Town Trail. There will be a Victorian Market on 3rd December. They meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday in the month between 10 and 12 at Westhoughton Library.
- Wingates Band are planning a range of events and concerts in December – 3rd: Carols at Victorian Market, 10th: local concert with Houghton Weavers at Victoria Hall, 15th: Concert at St Johns Parish Church, Wingates.
- Westhoughton Carnival Queens Association have raised over £400 for a new Guide Dogs Training Centre.
- Westhoughton Rotary Club will be busy in December with the Father Christmas tours of Westhoughton. On 17th December, he will be on Market Street and at Sainsbury's. On 25th January, the Rotary Club will host a Burns Night celebration at Brookfield. On 25th April, they will host a St Georges Party for over 150 local elderly people.



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8. AOB

Ted Wisedale suggested exploring the option of advertising via the television in the Doctors' Surgery. Dave Hendry agreed to look into this.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 15th February 2012

Venue to be confirmed.

*Our thanks to
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for sponsoring this meeting at The Communiversity,
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